

**HAMILTON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE DISTRICT  
MANAGER'S MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** May 12, 2017  
**TO:** District Policy Committee Members  
**FROM:** Holly Christmann, Director

**I. Introduction/Opening Comments**

**NOTICE: This memo is for the meeting to be held Thursday, May 18, 2017 at Hamilton County Environmental Services, 250 William Howard Taft Road, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219 at 1:30 p.m.**

*Policy Committee Information (Agendas, Manager's Memos, Minutes, etc.) is available on the District's website at [www.hamiltoncountyrecycles.org](http://www.hamiltoncountyrecycles.org).*

**II. Clerk's Report/Additions to the Agenda**

**A. Approval of Minutes** – Minutes from the March 16, 2017 Policy Committee meeting are included as [Attachment A](#).

**B. Additions to the Agenda**

Please contact Susan Schumacher at 513-946-7734 or [susan.schumacher@hamilton-co.org](mailto:susan.schumacher@hamilton-co.org) if you have items to add to the agenda.

**III. District Revenue Updates/Analysis**

Updates will be provided on current revenue receipts and comparisons with the prior year, as included in [Attachment B](#).

**IV. Policy Items**

**A. Declaration of Solid Waste Management Plan Ratification**

For the past three months, political jurisdictions that comprise the Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District had the opportunity to approve or disapprove the Solid Waste Management Plan. As outlined in Ohio Revised Code 3734.55, political jurisdictions representing 60 percent of the population and the largest municipality and the Board of County Commissioners must approve the Plan. The Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan) received approval from 100 percent of political jurisdictions exceeding the required 60 percent approval. The Policy Committee must now pass a resolution declaring the Plan ratified for subsequent forwarding to the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. This Resolution will be provided to the Policy Committee members at the meeting on May 18.

***Staff Recommendation:*** *In accordance with ORC 3734.55, Staff recommends that the Policy Committee pass SWR 02-2017 declaring the Solid Waste Management Plan of the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District to be ratified and further request that Staff forward the Plan to the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for approval.*

**B. 2018 Budget Preparation**

Staff is beginning the process of putting together the District's 2018 budget. By early July, the Policy Committee will receive a budget packet outlining the proposed 2018 budget. The budget will be placed on

the agenda for discussion and approval at the July 20 Policy Committee meeting. Staff welcomes any thoughts Policy Committee members have for budget priorities.

In preparation of the budget approval process, [Attachment C](#) is an updated report outlining revenue and expenditure trends and an overview of the new and revised programs that will be offered as outlined in the solid waste management plan.

## V. Informational Items

### A. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Performance Measures

[Attachment D](#) provides the results of the District's programs for the first quarter.

### B. Update on Ohio EPA grant applications

The District applied for three Ohio EPA grants in February. The District was notified that it received a tire amnesty grant in the amount of \$13,767 and a \$250,000 market development grant that will be provided to Cleanlites to allow them to expand their airbag recycling program. The District did not receive a grant to implement a campaign to reduce wasted food from the residential sector.

### C. Update on Scrap Tires

The District continues to work with Ohio EPA and other solid waste management districts to help reduce illegal dumping of tires. The Ohio EPA recently sought Early Stakeholder Outreach for its Scrap Tires Rules. This step ensures stakeholders are brought into the review process as early as possible and allows Ohio EPA to obtain additional input and discussion before development of interested party draft rules. The District provided the following feedback to Ohio EPA:

- Amend ORC 3734.01(I) to expand the current definition of open dumping to include scrap tires deposited at *any site, location, tract of land, installation or building* not appropriately licensed will be considered open dumping. Scrap tires can be dumped in a building or left on trailers and because they are not "on the ground" can be used by a defense attorney to exclude them from the open dumping provisions.
- Amend ORC 3734.99 to state that if an entity uses an unregistered transporter it would be considered a felony on a first offense instead of a misdemeanor. This will help make scrap tire generators more responsible for hiring registered scrap tire transporters and provide a needed deterrent.
- Amend ORC 3734.85(C)(2) to reduce the number of scrap tires that can be stored outside by a scrap tire generator to 500 or less and require the tires to be stored properly according to existing state requirements. This will help prevent massive tire accumulations; help reduce fire hazards and the spread of mosquito born viruses.
- Require all scrap tire generators to secure their scrap tires in such a manner as to prevent theft including indoor storage, storage in a trailer, or storage in a locked fenced area that is under surveillance. This would prevent the theft of scrap tires that results in the selling of usable tires and dumping of non-usable tires.
- Require all retailers of used tires and scrap tire generators to be registered with the State and require training on scrap tire laws as part of the registration. Registration will result in a statewide database that can be used to by Ohio EPA, solid waste districts, health departments and law enforcement as part of an annual inspection and education program.
- Amend ORC 3734.99 to reduce the penalty for illegal hauling of scrap tires to a misdemeanor versus a felony.
- Require registered scrap tire transporters to have a placard on their truck designating them as being registered. This will aid law enforcement in easily identifying haulers that are not registered.

**D. Outstanding Community Volunteer Award**

Elizabeth Bruggeman received the American Society of Public Administration's Outstanding Community Volunteer Award for her efforts on our Policy Committee and her success spearheading an organics diversion program that started at Symmes Elementary and grew to all schools within the Sycamore Community School District.

**E. Circle of Excellence Award**

The District received Hamilton County's Circle of Excellence - Team Impact Award for the Solid Waste Management Plan. As previously discussed, this is the first time the District wrote the Plan without the help of a consultant, saving \$100,000.

**VI. Tentative Future Agenda Items**

**VII. Policy Committee Members' Comments**

**VIII. Public Comments**

**IX. Upcoming District Meetings**

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, July 20, 2017**. This meeting will be held at Hamilton County Environmental Services, 250 William Howard Taft Road, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219 at 1:30 p.m.

**X. Adjournment (Target Time: 3:00 p.m.)**